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SUBJECT: EUR DEVELOPMENTS, NOVEMBER 21

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN ONLY FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS. MACOMBER MET WITH ELEKDAG NOVEMBER 21 PER INSTRUCTIONS. LATTER AGREED STUDY DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BUT REFRAINED FROM FURTHER RESPONSE PENDING PLENARY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 24. MACOMBER AND ELEKDAG WILL MEET AGAIN NOVEMBER 25 AS WILL LOWER-LEVEL WORKING GROUP ASSIGNED TASK OF COMPARING TWO DRAFT AGREEMENTS. NEXT PLENARY WILL BE CONVENED WHEN PROGRESS SO WARRANTS. ELEKDAG COMPLAINED RE SECRETARY'S NOVEMBER 20 REMARKS TO SENATE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AND MACOMBER NOTED THEY REFLECTED SENSE OF SHOCK IN WASHINGTON TO ONE-SIDED TURKISH PROPOSALS. (TO PROVIDE FULL FLAVOR OF MACOMBER-ELEKDAG SESSION, WE ARE REPEATING ANKARA MESSAGE SEPTTEL TO YOU.)

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2. EASTERN EUROPEAN VISITORS. AFTER FURTHER CHECKING AS YOU REQUESTED, WE ARE CABLING BUDAPEST TO PROPOSE DECEMBER 4-5 FOR HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY TO VISIT WASHINGTON (FOLLOWING VISIT TO OTTAWA). YOU WOULD GIVE LUNCHEON DECEMBER 5. NAGY IS NUMBER FOUR RANKED OFFICIAL IN HUNGARIAN MFA.

3. ROMANIAN EXCHANGES REVIEW. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED BUCHAREST TO PROPOSE DATES JANUARY 7-8 OR JANUARY 12-13 FOR MID-TERM REVIEW OF ROMANIAN EXCHANGES PROGRAM, EXPRESSING OUR HOPE THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA WILL BE ABLE TO CHAIR THEIR SIDE. (WE HAVE INTIMATIONS FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY THAT WHILE EAGER TO HAVE GLIGA COME, ROMANIANS WERE HAVING SOME SCHEDULING PROBLEMS WITH SUGGESTED DECEMBER DATES.

4. SECRETARY/EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR MEETING. GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER MADE HIS MUCH-DELAYED SECOND CALL ON THE SECRETARY. AS EXPECTED, SIEBER PROPOSED THAT POLITBURO MEMBER HERMANN AXEN VISIT US NEXT YEAR FOR QUOTE POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS UNQUOTE. SECRETARY SAID HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT GDR PROPOSAL. MOST OF REST OF MEETING CONCERNED BEIL VISIT. SIEBER SAID GDR HOPED VISIT WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON US-GDR TRADE. SECRETARY AGREED THAT PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASING TRADE SHOULD BE EXPLORED BUT WARNED THAT, ALTHOUGH ADMINISTRATION WAS ATTEMPTING TO REVISE THE TRADE ACT, THE GDR SHOULD NOT EXPECT MFN ANY TIME SOON.

5. SOARES VISIT. DUE TO CURRENT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS, SOARES HAS ASKED THAT TRIP TO US BE POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 1-12 UNTIL JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 6 PERIOD.

6. UNGA KOREA ISSUE. AT REQUEST OF IO, WE HAVE SLIGHTLY STIFFENED OUR PROPOSALS FOR ACTIONS TO TAKE VIS-A-VIS AUSTRIA, CYPRUS, GREECE, AND SWEDEN.

7. DPQ. AN NSC MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, TO RESOLVE THE NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT PROBLEM IN DPQ-75. WE ARE PREPARING THE NEEDED BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR THE SECRETARY.

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8. CHINA TRIP. WE UNDERSTAND ETD FOR PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY IS LATE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

9. NPG. USNATO AND EMBASSY BONN INFORMED LUNS AND THE GERMAN MOD THAT SECDEF RUMSFELD WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE FOR NPG IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE DECEMBER DATES. IMMEDIATE REACTION STRONGLY NEGATIVE,

WITH FRG OFFICIAL SUGGESTING US NOT TAKING EUROPEAN  
INTEREST IN NPG SERIOUSLY. NATO PERMREPS WILL HAVE  
INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION OF NPG DATE QUESTION ON NOVEMBER 25.

10. MBFR. REMAINING ISSUES CONTINUE TO NARROW; MESSAGE  
HAS GONE TO BONN AND LONDON INDICATING US PREPARED TO  
DROP LANGUAGE SEEKING RECIPROCAL LIMITS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR

SYSTEMS, WHICH COULD AVOID AN OUTSTANDING PROBLEM.  
INSTRUCTIONS NOW BEING WORKED ON FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE  
TO OFFER COMPROMISES ON EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AND  
NATIONAL REDUCTION COMMITMENT ISSUES, COUPLED WITH  
APPEAL FOR RAPID COMPLETION OF WORK ON GUIDANCE. KISSINGER

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